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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FORMIN KHALID TO WASHINGTON

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MANSOUR KHALID ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON FROM TORONTO EVENING OF AUGUST 4. EARLY THE FOLLOWING MORNING HE UNDERWENT A MEDICAL EXAMINATION AT WALTER REED HOSPITAL. ASKED AS TO RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATION, HE SAID THAT HE FELT FINE, BUT WAS AWAITING THE LABORATORY RESULTS. HIS ONLY MENTION OF A SPECIFIC AILMENT WAS A PASSING REFERENCE TO PROBLEMS WITH HIS EYE-SIGHT.

2. KHALID MET FOR 15 MINUTES WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE IN WHAT WAS ESSENTIALLY A COURTESY CALL. MR. MOOSE MENTIONED THAT THE JOINT SURVEY TEAM WAS CURRENTLY IN SUDAN TO ASSESS SUDAN'S DEFENSIVE REQUIREMENT, NOTING THAT THE EXPEDITIOUS DISPATCH OF THE TEAM WAS A DEMONSTRATION OF OUR INTEREST IN AN EARLY DECISION ON THE USG CONTRI-
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BUTION TO SUDAN'S DEFENSE NEEDS. KHALID EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE TEAM'S RAPID DISPATCH, AND ADDED HIS HOPE THAT THIS WOULD RESULT IN AN EXPEDITIOUS SALE OF U.S. ARMS. WHEN ASKING HOW THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT RESPOND TO A CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY ON THE SALE OF A SQUADRON OF F-5ES, KHALID MENTIONED THE THREAT FROM LIBYA, AS DEMONSTRATED IN THE 1976 COUP ATTEMPT, AND THE CONTINUING FLOW

OF SOVIET ARMS INTO ETHIOPIA.

3. MR. MOOSE NOTED THAT THE C-130 TEAM HAD JUST DEPARTED KHARTOUM HAVING PRESENTED THE FINAL LOA AND THAT DELIVERY HAD BEEN ADVANCED TO FEBRUARY 1978. MR. MOOSE FURTHER MENTIONED THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN AID REPRESENTATIVE TO ARRIVE IN MID-SEPTEMBER, FOLLOWING WHICH IT IS HOPED THAT PENDING AID PROGRAMS WOULD BE AGREED TO. KHALID EXPRESSED APPRECIATION ON BOTH POINTS.

4. THE SOLE MATTER WHICH KHALID RAISED WAS A REQUEST FOR USG ASSISTANCE TO THE POLYTECHNICAL INSTITUTE WHICH PRODUCES THE SKILLED MIDDLE-LEVEL TECHNICIANS SUDAN BADLY NEEDS. HE SAID THAT THE SUDANESE DIRECTOR OF HIGHER EDUCATION WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS THIS REQUEST. MR. MOOSE AGREED TO HAVE HIM PUT IN CONTACT WITH THE APPROPRIATE AID OFFICIALS.

5. ON THE SUBJECT OF SUDAN'S EFFORTS TO MEDIATE THE SITUATION IN CHAD, KHALID SAID THAT IT SHOULD BE RESOLVED POLITICALLY AND THAT SUDANESE MILITARY ASSISTANCE WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE. MR. MOOSE COMMENDED DR. KHALID FOR HIS POSITION IN THIS MATTER.

6. FOLLOWING THIS MEETING, DR. KHALID MET WITH IO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FRANK. THE DISCUSSIONS WERE A TOUR CONFIDENTIAL

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D'HORIZON OF UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION ISSUES. KHALID CONFIRMED THAT HE WILL ATTEND THE UNGA IN SEPTEMBER. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON THE PRINCIPAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE COMING UNGA, KHALID OPINED THAT THEY WOULD CENTER ON ECONOMIC ISSUES (NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, ETC) AND SOUTHERN AFRICA. KHALID TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON THE DEBT MORATORIUM ISSUE, SAYING THAT SUDAN HAD NO DIRECT CONCERN IN SUCH PROBLEMS. JOINED LATER BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES, KHALID OFFERED HIS VIEWS ON THE BENEFITS OF UN RESTRUCTURING.

7. FOLLOWING THESE APPOINTMENTS, KHALID ATTENDED A WORKING LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. IF THERE WERE ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS ARISING FROM THIS GATHERING, EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED.

8. KHALID SAID HE WILL LEAVE WASHINGTON AUGUST 8, SPEND ONE DAY IN LONDON, AND RETURN TO KHARTOUM, POSSIBLY VIA MOROCCO. CHRISTOPHER

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